

BRIDGE ACROSS THE RIO GRANDE NEAR HIDALGO,
TEX.

JANUARY 7, 1925.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. RAYBURN, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign
Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 10645]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10645) granting consent of Congress to the Valley Bridge Co. for construction of a bridge across the Rio Grande, near Hidalgo, Tex., having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it pass.

The bill has the approval of the War, Agriculture, and State Departments, as will appear by the letters attached and which are made a part of this report.

WAR DEPARTMENT, December 19, 1924.

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House of Representatives.

So far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to the favorable consideration of the accompanying bill (H. R. 10645, 68th Cong., 2d sess.), granting consent of Congress to the Valley Bridge Co. for construction of a bridge across the Rio Grande near Hidalgo, Tex.

On account of the international character of the Rio Grande at the site of the proposed bridge, being the boundary between the United States and Mexico, the consent of Congress is necessary for the construction of a bridge thereover.

JOHN W. WEEKS, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, December 24, 1924.

HON. SAMUEL E. WINSLOW,
*Chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. WINSLOW: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 12 inclosing a copy of H. R. 10645 for report thereon and for such views relative thereto as the department might desire to communicate.

This bill would authorize the Valley Bridge Co., a Texas corporation, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Rio Grande near Hidalgo, Tex., subject to the condition that there be obtained also the consent of the proper authorities of the Republic of Mexico. The proposed bridge will provide an international crossing of the Rio Grande between the United States and Mexico, and the location proposed therefor is not on the system of Federal-aid highways approved for the State of Texas. From the standpoint of this department there is no objection to the proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

HOWARD M. GORE, *Secretary.*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, January 2, 1925.

The Hon. SAMUEL E. WINSLOW,
*Chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
House of Representatives.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 27, 1924, inclosing a copy of H. R. 10645, authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Rio Grande near Hidalgo, Tex., and asking for an expression of my views thereon.

In reply I beg to say that, from the standpoint of international relations, no objection is seen to the passage of the bill in question.

I have the honor to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,

CHARLES E. HUGHES.